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CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: LEADERSHIP PUTS ON UNITY DISPLAY

1. BEGINNING WITH DECEMBER 7 TURNOUT FOR "L'HUMANITE ROUGE" DELEGATION LED BY JACQUES JURGET, CHOU EN-LAI AND CHIANG CH'ING HAVE FOUND THREE OCCASIONS IN LAST THREE DAYS TO APPEAR PUBLICLY TOGETHER. FOLLOWING DECEMBER 7 APPEARANCE WHICH ALSO INCLUDED WANG HUNG-WEN, CHOU, CHIANG CH'ING AND OTHER LEADERS MET WITH NEPALESE KING BIRENDRA DECEMBER 8. CHOU AND CHIANG ALSO MET JAPANESE VISITORS THE SAME DAY. MAO'S DECEMBER 9 MEETING WITH BIRENDRA RETURNED TO MAO-CHOU-WANG LINEUP THAT HAD BEEN STANDARD WITH POMPIDOU, TRUDEAU, WHITLAM AND STEVENS VISITS BUT ENDED WITH SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH CHAIRMAN.

2. COMMENT: CHOU'S PUBLIC APPEARANCES WITH CHIANG CH'ING HAVE BEEN RATHER RARE DURING PAST SIX MONTHS. THE TURNOUT FOR SUCH A RELATIVE NONENTITY AS JACQUES CONFIDENTIAL

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JURGET PARTICULARLY STRIKES US AS CONTRIVED EFFORT

TO DEMONSTRATE LEADERSHIP UNITY IN FACE OF CONTINUED
SPECULATION CONCERNING INCREASING INTERNAL TENSIONS.

3. WANG'S RETURN WILL END QUESTIONS AS TO HIS WHEREABOUTS
DURING PAST MONTH. POLISH DIPLOMATIC OFFICER ACCOMPANYING
VISITING POLISH DELEGATION REPORTS POSTERS IN SHANGHAI
FACTORY MID-NOVEMBER WELCOMING VISIT OF "COMRADE HUNG-WEN." UPON
QUESTIONING, FACTORY MANAGER SAID WANG HAD BEEN THERE AROUND
NOVEMBER 9.
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